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SAYS YOU! SAYS ME!!

"A lawyer's office may, also, and in times like the present many doubtless are, very private and quiet and undisturbed places at all hours." *Parker vs. State*, 26 Tex. 207.

WOULD HE HAVE SPLIT THAT INFINITIVE

"The statute itself was drawn by a person whose ability to use the English language so as to accurately and correctly express the thought intended to be conveyed is not excelled by that of many present-day writers." *Krueck v. Phoenix Co.*, 157 Wis. 276.

WELL, WHAT OF IT?

"There is a fair average of perjury in this case, but we can not tell on which side." *Standard Brewery Co. v. Nudelman*, 70 Ill. App. 356.

VERY SWELL POESY

The true lover of the divine art expressed in iambic tetrameter, or blank verse, or what have you, may bathe his soul in a mixed metaphor of joy by examining *Van Kleeck v. Ramer*, 62 Colo. 4, 44. Or, if you are a West addict, consult 156 Pac. 1108, 1121.

AND THESE IN TURN HAVE SMALLER (LESSER?) FLEAS, AND SO *AD INFINITUM*

"An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate commerce', approved February 4, 1887, and All Acts amendatory thereof, and to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission', approved March 4, 1915." No. 183, 64th Congress.

VITAL AND ALSO INCOMPREHENSIBLE

"The distinction between the two is that the writs in these cases stated the wrong name of the right party while the writ in the case under consideration states the right name of the wrong party. This distinction is vital." *Surace v. Pio*, 112 Me. 500.

COMPARE *ROSSI V. COLORADO PULP AND PAPER CO.**

"If the Chief Justice labors under the impression that this decision will be followed by any number of people, however small, as a moral guide, he had best be undeceived. In view of the great length of our opinions in this case, but few, not excluding lawyers, will ever read them, and, if we shall keep on adding installments, none will ever have the time to do so. The only real effect of this decision will be upon the appellants and the Harrisons, and they won't care to read it." Frick, J., dissenting in *Harrison v. Harker*, 44 Utah 632. 110 pages, boys.

THE ARKANSAS MANNER OF DISSENT

"It is well that the court has so plainly labeled the contract in this case as one for the lending of money; otherwise it would never be recognized as such." *Siphon Co. v. Hutton*, 116 Ark. 563.

THE TEXAS STYLE OF THE SAME

"The opinion of Judge Harper herein is the severest blow to the enactment of valid laws regulating the use, handling, dealing in and sale of intoxicating liquors, and their enforcement, that has ever been rendered by this or any other court." *Longmire v. State*, 75 Tex. Crim. 639.

THE NORTH DAKOTA METHOD

"Since the foregoing dissent was prepared, a concurring opinion has been written by Justice Goss for the conceded purpose of discussing the dissenting opinion. This procedure is, to say the least, somewhat anomalous, as I believe the books will be searched in vain for another instance where a majority has found it necessary to defend its decision, and I sincerely hope that this procedure will not be followed by this court in the future. This extraordinary proceeding is of itself an admission of the weakness of the conclusions reached by the majority members, and a confession on their part that their former opinion needs defense. I shall not attempt to go into any extended discussion of the concurring opinion, as the opinion itself is a sufficient refutation of its contents." Goss, J., dissenting in *Fox v. Nelson*, 30 N. Dak. 589.

THE ENGLISH PREFER THIS

"I have the misfortune to differ from Lord Justice Cotton, and I do so with a deep sense of the probability that he is right." Bowen, L. J., dissenting in *re Haseldine*, 31 Ch. D. 511.

*299 Pac. 19.